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SUBJECT: UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE: MADAGASCAR 1977/1981

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1. REPLIES BELOW ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS REFTEL:

2. (A) UNDP 1977/81 COUNTRY PROGRAM CONCENTRATES ON:  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT (\$7.2 MILLION); LIGHT INDUSTRY & MINING  
(\$2.6 MILLION); INFRASTRUCTURE, PRIMARILY IN SUPPORT OF  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, (\$3.3 MILLION); & HUMAN RESOURCES  
(\$9.8 MILLION). MUCH OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT  
SUPPORTS RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN  
REQUESTED BY GDRM & THEREFORE SUPPORT THE GDRM'S DEVELOP-  
MENT OBJECTIVES.

3. (B) EMBASSY CAN DISCERN NO SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES OR  
OMISSIONS IN PROGRAM PRIORITIES.

4. (C) AS TOTAL EXTERNAL AID TO MADAGASCAR REMAINS SMALL,  
THERE IS LITTLE PROBLEM OF DUPLICATION. UNDP RESREP COORDI-  
NATES CLOSELY WITH GDRM OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
ECON DEVELOPMENT.

5. (D) UNDP PROGRAM IS 3RD IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDES ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF EXTERNAL  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MADAGASCAR.  
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6. (E) GDRM DIRECTORATE FOR PLAN WORKS DIRECTLY WITH UNDP RESREP IN FORMULATING AND MONITORING COUNTRY PROGRAM. UNDP RESREP'S PHILOSOPHY IS TO FOLLOW LEAD OF GDRM IN PROGRAMMING PROJECTS WHICH GDRM HAS IDENTIFIED TO BE OF HIGH PRIORITY FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

7. (F) EACH PROJECT AND OVERALL PLAN IS REEVALUATED YEARLY. PROJECTS ARE PHASED-OUT AS COMPLETED BUT EXTENDED WHEN NECESSARY.

8. (G) PROBLEMS: (A) LACK OF UNDP FUNDS WORLD-WIDE. (B) GDRM HAS UNDERESTIMATED COST OF SOME PROJECTS; ACCORDINGLY COUNTRY PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGES LIKELIHOOD FOR CHANGE DURING FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM.

9. (H) SINCE THE GDRM ENCOURAGES INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, UNDP PROGRAM WILL INVOLVE WOMEN TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN HERETOFORE. PROGRAM DOES NOT, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY SPEAK TO THIS ISSUE.

10. (I) USG IS NOT A DONOR IN MADAGASCAR. GDRM DISCOURSES FORMAL COOPERATION BETWEEN BILATERAL DONORS. THUS, WHILE UNDP COOPERATES WITH OTHER DONORS ON IMPLEMENTATION EXISTING PROGRAMS, IT DID NOT CONSULT OTHER DONORS ON FORMULATING 1977/81 PROGRAM. THIS WAS LEFT TO GDRM DIRECTORATE OF PLAN.

11. (J) THE 1977/81 PROGRAM DOES NOT CONTAIN ASSESSMENT OF PREVIOUS PROGRAMS.SHEINBAUM

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